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Object: record book

Title/Subject/Bibliographic or Other Significance: Female Benevolent Society. Club Records. Volume 2.

CONDITION ON RECEIPT: The quarter leather and decorated paper stationery case binding was worn and abraded, particularly at the corners and edges. A pressure-sensitive call number tag was adhered to the front cover. The front internal hinge was broken. The text block consisted of pages with manuscript ink entries and a few graphite pencil notations. The pages were in relatively sound condition even though they were dirty, discolored, acidic, and foxed. Some of the numerous manuscript inks present were faint and varied in intensity. A security strip adhered between two leaves was obscuring text entries. An inked-over barcode was adhered to the front flyleaf.

TREATMENT REPORT: The volume was microfilmed. Treatment was documented with color slides. The pH was recorded before and after treatment: before, 4.0, after 7.0. The volume was collated and disbound. The inks were tested for solubility. The head, tail, and pages were dry cleaned where necessary. The head, tail, and pages were washed and then alkalized (deacidified) with calcium hydroxide. Tears were mended and folds guarded where necessary with Japanese kozo paper and wheat starch paste. The pressure-sensitive call number tag, barcode, and security strip were removed mechanically and residual adhesive stains were reduced with acetone. The volume was sewn on linen tapes with linen thread. The binding was repaired by rebacking using Japanese paper and housed in a phase box.

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Preamble & Constitution of the Ladies Benevolent Total Abstinence Society.

Preamble.

We, the Ladies of Newton Upper Falls, knowing that Intemperance, with all its blighting and deadening influence, has had a sad and demoralizing effect on many in our midst, and believing that a Society, composed exclusively of Ladies, would be of essential importance in promoting and advancing the cause of Temperance, and by a zealous co-operation with the Washingtonian Society of this place, be the means of restoring to the paths of sobriety and usefulness, those who may have fallen, and place them on the broad platform of Temperance and true happiness, and for the furtherance of this object, we do adopt the following Constitution.

Article 1st. This Society shall be known as the Ladies Benevolent Total Abstinence Society. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Standing Committee of three. It shall be the duty of the

President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and in case of absence the Vice President shall preside.

Art 2d. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meeting of the Society. The Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the Society, and the account of every member shall be kept in regular form, and a report of the state of the Treasury, shall be made once in three months. No money at any time, shall be spent by the Treasurer without the consent of the Standing Committee; and no debt shall be incurred, without their consent, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of the Society.

Art 3d. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a less number may adjourn.

Art 4th. This Society shall hold their annual meeting on the first Thursday in May, at 2 o'clock P. M. for the choice of officers, a majority being necessary for a choice.

Art 5th. The Society shall meet on the first Thursday in each month, at 2 o'clock P. M. when it is expected

that each member will spend their time sewing, or otherwise promoting the object of the association.

Art 6th. Ladies wishing to become members of this Society, can do so, by signing the Washingtonian pledge, this Constitution, and paying the sum of two cents each month; all assessments shall be paid to the Treasurer, as often as once in three months.

Art 7th. The Standing Committee shall attend to all cases of suffering and distress, and shall render such assistance as the state of the Treasury will admit.

Art 8th. This constitution may be altered or amended, at any regular meeting of the Society, two thirds of the members present, voting in favour of so doing.

Pledge

The members of this Society agree, that they will never again drink any intoxicating liquors, except when prescribed by a medical attendant, or in case of wine at communion, and that they will not provide them for their friends,

or for persons in their employ, and that they will in all suitable ways discountenance the use of them in the community; and, above all, that they will use their utmost endeavors to reclaim and restore to temperance, those who are unfortunately addicted to drunkenness.

Newton Upper Falls May 1st 1849.

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the house of Mr L Wheeler agreeable to the Constitution, there not being a sufficient number to transact business, the meeting was adjourned to the Thursday following, at the same time and place. Met accordingly, meeting called to order by Mrs O Smith, Mrs J H Carter was chosen Moderator, and Mrs L Wheeler Secretary protem, after which the following officers were chosen for the year ensuing, viz

Mrs C Pettee President.
Mrs M Murkwant Vice President
Mrs J H Carter Secretary & Treasurer

Mrs J Gardiner
Mrs P Nichols } Managers
Mrs L Wheeler

Mrs Nichols
Mrs O Potter Jr } Committee to solicit members

Voted to meet at Mr L Wheelers the first Thursday in June, the meeting was then adjourned.

June 7th. Met at Mr L. Wheelers, two of the officers chosen at the last meeting declined serving, accordingly Mrs C Smith was chosen President and Mrs J Taylor Vice President to supply the vacancy, meeting adjourned to the house of Mr J H Carter, in two weeks from that time.

June 21st. Met at Mr Carters, voted to meet at Mr J Taylors the first Thursday in July.

July 5th. Met at Mr Taylors, sewed for Mrs Howard Voted to meet at Mrs Jewetts the first Thursday in August.

Aug 2d. Met at Mrs Jewetts. Voted to meet at Mrs Bacons in two weeks from that time.

Aug 16th. Met at Mrs Bacons, Voted to meet at Mrs Taylors the first Thursday in September.

Sept 5th Met at Mrs Taylors. Voted to meet at Mrs Smiths, the first Thursday in October

Oct 4th. Met at Mrs Smiths, adjourned to meet at the same time and place, two week from that time

Oct 18th Met at Mrs Smiths, Voted to have a Fair in the course of the following winter, Voted to meet at Mrs O Pettees.

Nov 1st. Met at Mrs Pettees. Voted to meet at Mrs Bacons the first Thursday in December.

Dec 6th. Met at Mrs Bacons. Voted to meet at Mrs G Goulds in two weeks.

Dec 20th. Met at Mrs Goulds. Voted to meet at Mrs Carters, the 2d & 3d of January for the purpose of Quilting. Bedquilt made by the Society.

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Jany 2d & 3d. Met at Mrs Carters according to appointment. Voted to meet at Mrs Wheelers, in two weeks.

Jany 17th. Met at Mrs Wheelers. Voted to meet at Mrs Smiths, the first Thursday in February.

Feby 7th Met at Mrs Smiths. Voted to hold the Fair on the twentieth of February. ~~xxxxx~~ A Committee of Ladies was chosen to make arrangements for the Fair. Voted to meet at Mrs Colburns Feby fourteenth.

Feby 14th Met at Mrs Colburns, some arrangements were made for the Fair, and a committee of gentlemen chosen to aid the Ladies in their undertaking. Voted to meet the next evening at Mrs Nichols, to make further arrangements, for the Fair and Tea party.

Feby 15th Met at Mrs Nichols according to agreement, the committee of ladies and gentlemen were present.

Voted to furnish Tea and Coffee, Cold meats, Bread, Pies, Cake &c for the table; several other subjects connected with the Fair were brought before the meeting, after which a vote was passed to meet at Mr Wheelers the following evening to decide on some questions, which could not be settled on this evening. Met accordingly, several questions were decided upon, and the ladies agreed to meet at the Hall to appraise the articles for sale which they did, and the following day, the articles were arranged and the refreshment tables made ready.

The Fair was held February 1853 the twentieth, a very large company were present, the tables were bountifully supplied, a band of music was in attendance, speeches were made, & songs sung, after which an hour or two was spent in dancing, the company then left apparently pleased and perfectly satisfied with their entertainment, the success of the affair was beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. A meeting of the committee was held the following evening, at the house of Mr S Wheeler to ascertain how much money was taken, after paying all expenses, they had one hundred and twenty two dollars & 30/100, besides nine

dollars and 62/100 which had been paid by the young people who had met evenings as often as once a fortnight during the winter) for initiation fees, and to whose efforts the Society are indebted for a large portion of the articles for sale at the fair. As no manner of disposing of the funds was concluded on that evening, the money was placed in the hands of the Secretary, and the meeting was adjourned to the first Thursday in March, no place specified.

March 7th. Society met at the house of Mr George Sherman, a vote was passed to place one hundred dollars of the money, belonging to the Society, in the hands of Mr L Wheeler, to be paid on demand with interest, also to give fifteen dollars to Mrs Howard, and five dollars to a young lady who lost a shawl the evening of the fair. Voted to meet at Mrs Plimptons, the first Thursday in April.

Apr 4th No meeting on account of rain.

11th Met at Mrs Plimptons, sewed for Nelson family. Voted to hold the annual meeting, according to the constitution, the first thursday in May, at the house of Mr J Saylor.

Dr Ladies Benevolent Total

To Paid for Yarn		$ 1.20
" — — Mrs Dole		3.00
" — " for Articles for Fair		2.00
" — — for Batting & Thread		28
" — " for Life Book		25
" — " Mrs Howard		15.00
" — " M Nichols for Shawl		5.00
" — — for Nelson family		8.75
" expensed for the Fair		24.68
		$ 60.16

Abstinence Society Cr

By cash of Mrs Bacon for work	50
" — " A Mrs Gardiner	12
" — — of Mrs Taylor for work	50
" — — Cash taken at the Fair and Tea party	$46.98
Cash for entrance including young people	17.49
" Cash of Mrs Nichols	12
	$166.01
expenses deducted	60.16
Remaining in the treasury including a Note of one hundred dollars	$105.85

Members of the L B J A Society for the year ending May 20 1850

Mrs P Nichols	25	Miss L Bacon	25
Mrs J Gardiner	25	Mrs J N Plimpton	1.00
Mrs S Grover	25	Mrs B Billings	25
Mrs D Smith	25	Mrs Ross	25
Mrs C Pettee jr	25	Mrs M Smith	25
Mrs N Plimpton	25	Mrs A Shelbury	12½
Mrs L Wheeler	25	Mrs Barnard	25
Mrs M Battelle	25		
Mrs E Barden	25		
Mrs J Saylor	25		
Mrs E E Carter	25		
Mrs Jewett	25		
Mrs G Sherman	25		
Mrs G Gould	25		
Mrs J A Gould	25		
Mrs Nicholson	25		
Mrs C Everett	25		
Mrs L Raymond	25		
Mrs M Collum	25		
Miss L Smith	25		
Mrs P Bacon	25		

Report of the Ladies Benevolent Star Abstinence Society for the year ending May 2d 1856

During the year the Society has met nineteen times and has been composed of twenty nine members, who have met afternoons, besides about fifty young people who have met evenings, and lent their assistance towards making preparations for the Fair.

The whole amount of money received during the year has been one hundred, sixty six dollars, and one cent, thirty one dollars and seventy five cents of which has been given to the sick and needy of our village and twenty eight dollars and forty one cents, for sundries for the Fair and Tea Party, making in the whole that has been expended sixty dollars and sixteen cents which deducted from the whole amount received leaves one hundred and five dollars and eighty five cents, remaining in the treasury, one hundred dollars of which is in the form of a Note signed by L. Wheeler. Our Society has met with more encouragement and success than in former years Our calls have been comparatively few, but we have had means to give liberally to those few, and it is to be wished the same success will reward the efforts of the Society for years to come

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the house of Mrs James Taylor, in conformity with the Constitution. The meeting was called to order by Mrs Oliver Smith.
Mrs Oliver Smith was chosen President, Mrs James Taylor Vice President, Mrs C F Thayer Secretary Mrs J A Gould Treasurer.
Voted that the Standing committee shall consist of four members Mrs Isaac Smith, Mrs William Nichols, Mrs Ben Colburn, Mrs Loring Wheeler were chosen to fill the office.
Voted to meet at Mrs Otis Fitts on the first Thursday in June
June 6th Met at Mrs C Fitts's Voted to give Mrs Newton Ten dollars, Mrs Ebenr Thayer a new Alapaca Dress, and Mrs Fisher five dollars Mrs Otis Fitts presented to the Society a Bonnet,
July 11th Met at Mrs Ben Colburns. Voted to meet at Mrs Wm Nichols the first Thursday in August. Aug 1 met at Mrs Wm Nichols
Sept 5 Met at Mrs Oliver Smiths, Voted to meet at Mrs Wm Nichols the first Thursday in October

October 3rd Met at Mrs Wm Nichols Voted to meet at Mrs Loring Wheelers the first Thursday in November

Nov 7th met at Mrs Loring Wheelers. Voted to meet at Mrs Isaac Smiths the first Thursday in December

Dec 5 Met at Mrs Isaac Smiths. Voted to give Mrs Howard fifteen dollars. Also made clothing for Grandson to the value of fifty cents Voted to meet at Mrs Nichols the first Thursday in January.

1851 Jan 7 2d Met at Mrs Nichols

Feby 6 Met at Mrs Taylors and Quilted Voted to meet at Mrs Nichols the first Thursday in March

March 6th Met at Mrs Nichols Voted to meet at Mrs Bacons the first Thursday in April

April 3d Met at Mrs Bacons Voted to hold the annual meeting at Mrs Jewetts

Report of the

Ladies Benevolent Total Abstinence Society for the year ending May 1st 1851.

The Society has met during the past year twelve times, twenty two members have belonged to the society the past year, and excepting the Death of one, the most perfect harmony and good feelings have prevailed, not only in its social relations but in carrying out the benevolent objects of the society — Seven persons have been assisted by the society the past year to the amt. of forty seven Dollars and forty six cents making the financial account stand as follows viz —

Cash on hand May 2d 1850 including Note		105.80
Do Received for articles sold		3.18
Do for admission fee.		4.62
		$113.60
Cash paid in Charity	47.46	
" " for Treasury book	.25	47.71
		$65.89

Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer sixty five dollars and Eighty nine cents including Loring Wheelers Note, there is also due the treasury seventy five cent for admission. The annual Meeting was held at the house of Mrs Jewett in conformity with the Constitution, Call to order by the President

The following Officers were chosen for the year ensuing viz —

Mrs Oliver Smith President
Mrs. I Smith Vice President
Mrs O. Pettee Jr. Secretary
Mrs J.A. Gould Jr. Treasurer
Mrs. Polly Nichols
Mrs Loring Wheeler
Mrs Orin Colburn
Mrs. Chas Cole
} Managers —

Voted to meet at Mrs L Wheelers — the first Thursday in June. — adjourned

June 5th. Met at Mrs Loring Wheelers and employed their time in making patch work for the society Voted to meet at Mrs Horace Bacons the first Thursday in July —

July 3rd. Met at Mrs Horace Bacons and voted to meet at Mrs Emerson Jewetts the first Thursday in August. —

Augt. 7: Met at Mrs Jewetts and voted to meet at Mrs Polly Nichols the first Thursday in Sept. —

Sept. 4. Met at Mrs. Loring Wheelers (by request) and were employed by her in quilting Voted to meet at Mrs E.T. Powers the

first Thursday in October.

Oct. 2d On account of Sickness & Death in Mrs Thayers family the Society were invited to meet at Mrs. Isaac Smiths — and no meeting was appointed.

Dec. 4. Met at Mrs Silas Bacons and were supplied with work by her. Voted to meet at Mrs E. F. Thayers the first thursday in January —

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Jan 1 Met at Mrs E. F. Thayers. Voted to meet at Mrs Wm H Nichols the first thursday in February

Feb. 5. Met at Mrs Nichols, Voted to meet at Mrs C. Colburns the first Thursday in March —

March 4. Met at Mrs. Colburns — Voted to meet at Mrs. Olivia Smiths the first Thursday in April —

April 1st. Met at Mrs O Smiths and commenced another Bedquilt for the society — Voted to hold the annual meeting at Mrs Wm H Nichols.

Report of the Ladies Benevolent Dorcas Sewing Society for the year ending May 1st 1852.

The members of the society have met monthly the past year except in the month of June, eleven meetings in all. It has been composed of twenty one members. Apparently the same good feeling exists at the present time with which we were favored at the last report. There has been fewer calls for charity than in former years. Three of its members have removed from the vicinity. During the year one family has been assisted to the amount of five dollars in goods and provisions making the financial accounts stand thus.

May 1st 1851 Cash on hand including one		$65.91
1st 1852 Rec for Entrance fees		$4.75
Work and Cash		1.00
		$71.66
Paid for Cloth and Thread	.56	
Mr Wheeler for Goods	5.00	$5.56
		$66.10

Having a balance in the Treasury of sixty six dollars and twenty cents May 1st 1852.

The annual meeting was held at Mrs Peters called to order by the President. The following officers were chosen

Mrs Grace Smith President

Mrs Lucia Colburn Vice President

Mrs Jane Bixby Secretary

Mrs Betsy Abbot Treasurer

Mrs Silas Green)
Mrs Barnard) Marshals
Miss Lydia Bixby)
Mrs Otis King)

Voted to meet at Mrs Jane Bixby's the first Thursday in June. Adjourned

June 1. Met at Mrs Bixby's on account of Mrs Green's absence. Voted to meet at Mrs Wheelers the first Thursday in July

July 1st. Met at Mrs George Keyes (by request) sewed on patch work took tea, voted to meet at Mrs Goodale's

Aug 1st. Met at Mrs Goodale's voted to meet at Mrs Hedges the first Thursday in September

Sept 1st. Met at Mrs Wheeler's according to agreement voted to meet at Mr Taylor's Hall and quilt a [illegible] blanket for the poor on the first Thursday in October

Oct th 7 met at the Hall worked on quilt voted to
meet the following week and finish the quilt on account of
Mrs. Nichols our treasurer having left the village Mrs Taylor agreed
to act as treasurer pro tem.
Oct the 14 met at the Hall and finished the quilt voted
to meet at Mrs Jon Bigby's the first Thursday in November
Nov th 4. Met at Mrs Bigbys worked on quilt voted to meet
at Mrs J Smiths the first Thursday in December
Dec th 2. Met at Mrs Smiths sewed for Mrs Reed voted to
to meet at Mrs Halsby's the first Thursday in January
Jan th 6 Met at Mrs Halsby's sewed for Mr Taylor voted to give
Mr R Taylor twenty dollars he having had his house burned
voted to meet at Mrs Wheeler's the first Thursday in Feb
Feb 2. Met at Mrs Wheeler's and made sheets for Mrs Taylor
March 3. Met at Mrs Kings cut out patch work for quilt
voted to meet at Mrs Colburns the first Thursday in April.
April 6. Owing to Thursday's being Easter the Society met
on Wednesday cut out quilt voted to hold the annual
meeting at Mrs Taylors.

May 5th. Met at Mrs Taylors. It being the annual meeting it was called to order and the following Officers were chosen. for the ensuing year viz,

Mrs Isaac Smith, President.
Mrs Orin Colburn, Vice President,
Mrs Jon" Bixby, Secretary.
Mrs Isaac Smith Junr, Treasurer.
Mrs Oliver Smith.
Mrs Loring Wheeler.
Mrs J. H. Gould. } Managers,
Mrs Lydia Bixby.

A vote was taken respecting the trunk of clothing &c and Mrs Oliver Smith and Mrs J. Taylor were chosen to examine them and take some measures for their removal from Dr Dearborns to Mrs Jewetts. Voted to Mrs Emerson Jewetts the first Thursday in June.

June 9th. Met at Mrs Jewetts worked on quilt voted to meet at Mrs Wheelers the first Thursday in July.

July 7th being to rain the society did not meet in July.

August 4th met at Mrs Loring Wheeler's worked on quilt. voted to meet at Mr Taylors Hall for the purpose of quilting in September.

Sept 1st met at the Hall and quilted. voted to meet the ensuing week and finish the quilt. Adjourned

Sept 8th met at the Hall according to agreement voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Colburn.

Oct 6th met with Mrs Colburn and bound the quilt. Voted to hold the next meeting at Mrs Oliver Smith's.

Nov 2d met at Mrs Smiths worked for Mrs Mask. voted to hold the next meeting with Miss Julia Bixby.

Dec 1st met with Miss Bixby voted to meet at the same place.

Jan 5th met with Miss J Bixby. voted to give Mr Samuel Scott 10. dollars voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Isaac Smith.

Jan 20 Met with Mrs Smith Voted to meet with Mrs Colburn

March 20 Met at Mrs Colburns Voted to meet with Mrs Jon" Bigby the first Wednesday in April Thursday being Fast

April 5th. Met at Mrs Bigby voted to hold the annual meeting at Mrs Loring Wheeler.

May 4th 1854

The Annual meeting of the Society was held at the House of Mr Loring Wheeler, in conformity with the Constitution. The meeting was called to order by Mrs Oliver Smith. The following Officers were chosen.

Mrs Orin Colburn President,
Mrs Loring Wheeler Vice President,
Mrs Jon" Bigby Secretary.
Mrs Isaac Smith Treasurer.
Miss Lydia Bigby
Mrs Oliver Smith } Managers.
Mrs Silas Bacon
Mrs Isaac Smith

Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Billings. Adjourned.

June 1st.

Met with Mrs Billings worked on quilt. Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Silas Bacon. Adjourned.

July 6th

The Society met with Mrs Bacon, and spent the time in making Patch work. Voted to hold the next meeting with Miss Lydia Bixby. Adjourned

August 3d

The Society met with Miss Bixby spent the time makin Patch work voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Oliver Smith. Adjourned.

September 7th

The Society met with Mrs Smith and spent the time in quilting for Mrs Billings voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Horace Bacon.

Adjourned

October 5th.

Met at Mrs Bacon's and spent the time in quilting for Miss Charlotte Frank. Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Wheeler. Adjourned.

November 2d.

The Society met with Mrs Wheeler, and commenced some knitting Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Halsly. Adjourned.

December 7th

Met with Mrs Halsly, and spent the time in knitting and finishing shirts voted to hold the next meeting with Miss Bixby. Adjourned.

January th 4th.

The Society met with Miss Bixby and spent the time in knitting and sewing on shirts voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Colburn

February th 5th

Met at Mrs Colburns and spent the time in sewing on shirts voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Smith.

Adjourned.

March 8th

Met at Mrs Isaac Smith's spent the time in sewing and knitting Voted to hold the next meeting with Oliver Smith Adjourned.

April [illegible]

The Society met with Mrs Smith and finished off four shirts and commenced some patch work Voted to hold the Annual meeting with Mrs James Taylor. Adjourned.

Record of the Ladies Benevolent Total Abstinence Society for the year ending May 31st 1859.

The members of the Society have met monthly during the past year, and spent their time in sewing, and knitting. Our calls for Charity have been few, and our means small, but if the has not done much for Benevolent objects, we think that the meetings have tended to cultivate a social and friendly feeling among its members. It is to be hoped our numbers may be increased and with them a renewed interest in the Society.

The Annual meeting was held at the house of Mr James Taylor in conformity with the constitution. The meeting was called to order by Miss Lydia Bixby and the following Officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

Mrs Erin Colburn President.
Mrs Loring Wheeler Vice President.
Mrs Francis Bixby Sec." Treasurer.
Mrs William Coryell. Mrs Olive Smith. } Managers
Mrs Lucretia Hately. Mrs Olive Stone. }

Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Wheeler

Adjourned

June the 1st The Society met with Mrs Wheeler and spent their time in quilting, voted to hold their next meeting with Mrs Oliver Smith. Adjourned.

July the 5th

Met at Mrs Smith sewed on patchwork Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Cargill. Adjourned

August the 9th

The Society met at Mrs Cargill worked on quilt and shirt voted to hold the next meeting Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Isaac Smith

Adjourned.

Sept 6th

The Society met at Mrs Smiths worked on shirts voted to hold their next meeting with Miss Lydia Bixby.

October 4th.

Met at Miss Bixbys and spent their time in sewing voted to meet with Mrs Colburn Adjourned.

November the 11th

Met with Mrs Colburn worked on patchwork Voted to give Miss P Ray ten dollars
Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Wheeler.

June 3d

Met at Mrs Wheeler but few present on account of rain the time was spent in sewing. Adjourned

[illegible] 4th Met by invitation with Mrs Oliver Smith The Ladies proposed giving a Party at Elliot Hall on January 24th and a Committee of five was chosen to make arrangements for the same. Adjourned for tea.

Met with Mrs [illegible] to prepare tea and coffee, Cold meats, Bread, Pies, Cake, &c. the 4th Also to dispose of Articles on hand in a store, the tickets to be ten cents. Several questions were decided upon and the Ladies agreed to meet with Mrs Wheeler the next Saturday evening to hear the report of the soliciting Committee

Jan 19th. Met according [illegible]

Mr James Taylor to act [illegible] President

[illegible] also to invite Mr

[illegible] as in procuring music [illegible] The

the Hon to form the solicitation committee

[illegible] authorized to provide liberally

[illegible] to meet at the Hall on Thursday [illegible]

o'clock to prepare the tables.

The party was given January [illegible] fourth

The Hall was

[illegible] company

[illegible] in advance The time from seven [illegible]

was [illegible] in greeting friends, discoursing of [illegible]

[illegible] Supper was had at [illegible]

The company [illegible] on the floor for [illegible] an

[illegible] wise [illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible] passed off a happy joyous [illegible]

[illegible] meeting of the company was held

[illegible]

dollars and sixty cents was placed in the
funds. The old note which the society held af-
was destroyed and a new one given to the inco
hundred dollars. The balance was paid onto

The meeting adjourned to meet at
[illegible] the first Thursday in

[illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible] dollars [illegible]
[illegible] work also some [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] were [illegible] down at [illegible] [illegible]
because they met and spent the time in
[illegible] to hold the next meeting with Mrs
[illegible]

[illegible] by invitation with Mrs [illegible]

[illegible] Met according to adjournment
Mrs [illegible] and spent the time in sewing
[illegible] the next meeting with Mrs [illegible]

Met with Mr. [illegible]

the river in [illegible] and planting [illegible]

[illegible] down. Adjourned

Report of the Ladies Benevolent Society for the year ending May 1st 1856.

The Society has met fifteen times during the past year. It has been composed of twenty seven members, who have spent their time in knitting and sewing. The meetings have been marked by a kind social spirit, and it is hoped that the same kindly feelings may be cherished in years to come as those which have characterized it in times past. The whole amount of money paid into the Treasury the past year, has been One Hundred and twenty nine dollars and ninety two cents. Five individuals have been assisted to the amount of Forty four dollars and fifteen cents. Seven dollars forty nine cents for sundries for quilts and Tea Party. Sixty four dollars and sixty two cents to Mr Loring Wheeler for which he gave his note of one hundred dollars destroying the old one on which Twenty nine dollars and thirty six cents was due the Society. Balance in the Treasury for the year ending May 1st One Hundred and Fifty six Cash Thirteen dollars and fifty eight cents Note one hundred dollars

May 1st 1886.

The Annual meeting was held in conformity with the Constitution at Mrs Oren Colburns The meeting was called to order by Mrs Oliver Smith and the following Officers were chosen for the ensuing year

Mrs Oren Colburn, President
Mrs Loring Wheeler, Vice President
Mrs J. Bixby Sec" Treasurer
Mrs Langill, Mrs Wattles,
Mrs Green, Miss Bixby, Managers.
Voted to hold their next meeting with Mrs Wheeler

Adjourned

June 5th

Met with Mrs Wheeler worked on quilt was Tea was provided by Mrs Wheeler after spending a pleasant afternoon The meeting was adjourned to meet the ensuing month with Mrs Wattles.

July 3d

Met with Mrs Wattles. few present. Had Tea. Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Billings

Adjourned

Sept [illegible]

There no meeting in August on account of several members being out of town. Met with Mrs Billing[illegible] on quilt. Voted to meet at the Hall in two weeks to quilt. Adjourned.

Sept 18th 1856

Met at the Hall at large company present. Mrs Forge [illegible] provided. Voted the time in quilting voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Oliver. Adjourned.

November 6th.

No meeting was held in October but [illegible] sisters and finished a quilt voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Silas Bacon. Adjourned.

[illegible]

[illegible] not [illegible] on hand but [illegible] present [illegible] quilting [illegible] meeting [illegible] [illegible] a party. Adjourned

Dec 4

[illegible] quilt [illegible] in a party. This meeting adjourned

Jan 1st

Met at Mrs Horace Bacon The ladies after meeting several times gave a party in December which passed off in a satisfactory manner to the Society and the company. Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Colburn Adjourned

February 5th

Met at Mr Towns but the people on account of rain voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Oliver Smith Adjourned.

March 5th

Met with Mrs Smith full company present voted to hold the next meeting with Mr Cheverans

April 2d

Met with Mrs Sturtevant voted to hold the annual meeting with Mrs Fuller

Adjourned.

The report of the Ladies Benevolent Society for the year ending May 1. 1860.

The Society has been composed of twenty three members the past year, who have met eleven times. The Ladies gave their annual Levee in December, which passed off as successfully as usual. The amount of money paid into the Treasury for the the year has been Forty one dollars, & sixty nine cents.
Five families have been assisted to the amount of twenty nine dollars and thirty five cents.
Paid out for sundries Eight dollars and ninety nine cts. Thus leaving cash thirty five cts.
Due Society three dollars. Amount in the Treasury (including note) one hundred and three dollars and thirty five cts.

May 1. 1860

May 14 1851

The Annual meeting was held at Mrs. Greens. The meeting was called to order by Mrs Oliver Smyth and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

Adjourned

Mrs M. Coltrin President
Mrs. G. Wheeler Vice President
Mrs. C. Cady Secy & Treasurer
Managers { Mrs. Wattles
Mrs. P. Green
Mrs. A. Gould

June 4.

Met with Mrs. Wheeler there were but few present the time passed pleasantly. The meeting was adjourned to be held the next month with Mrs. A Gould.

July 2d.

Met with Mrs. Gould spent their time in sewing for Mrs. Gould Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Wattles

Adjourned

Aug.

Met with Mrs. Wattles but few present. A member was added to the society Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. H. Bacon Adjourned

Sept.

Met with Mrs M. Colburn on account of Mrs. Bacon's being from home Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Hosley

Oct 1.

Met with Mrs. Hosley spent their time in making patchwork. Decided to hold the next meeting with Mrs. H. Bacon Adjourned

Nov

Met according to adjournment with Mrs. H. Bacon to very good attendance. Spent their time in making patchwork voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Isac Smith

Dec

Met with Mrs Isac Smith Spent their time making patchwork Decided to hold the next meeting with Mrs Jewit

Dec. 15.

A meeting was called by the Committee The Constitution was read then a vote was taken to ascertain the minds of the ladies in regard to assisting the Harper family Decided to give them twenty dollars.

Adjourned

Jan. Met with Mrs. Jewit Spent their time on patchwork Decided to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Cady

Feb 3.

Met with Mrs. Lady spent their time quilting a skirt for Mrs. Otis. Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Wheeler Adjourned

March 4.

Met with Mrs. Wheeler Spent their time making patchwork Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. O. Smith

April.

Met with Mrs. O. Smith spent their time making patch work.

Adjourned.

Report of the Ladies Benevolent Society
for the year ending May 1, 1851

The Society has been composed of 18 members
the past year who have met thirteen times
The amount of money paid into the treasury
for the year has been $[illegible] $[illegible] have been
drawn from the State Fire Societies have
been assisted to the amount of $[illegible] $[illegible]
have been sent. Thus leaving in the
treasury (including the state) $[illegible]
May 1, 1851

May 15, 1878

The Annual meeting was held at Mrs. M. Coltrane's. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. C. Smith and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year

Mrs. Allen Gould President
Mrs Horace Bacon Vice President
Mrs. Collin Cady Secy. & Treasurer
Mrs J. Smith
Mrs. H. Wheeler } Managers
Mrs J. Green

Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Wheeler. Adjourned.

June 5.

Met with Mrs. Wheeler Spent the time making patchwork. Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs M. Coltrane. Adjourned

July 30

Met with Mrs A. Carter Spent their time on the quilts.

Adjourned

Aug 6,

Met with Mrs Green Spent their time on the quilts voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs H Bacon

Adjourned

Sept 3

Met with Mrs. H. Bacon Agreed to hold the next meeting with Mrs. E. Witherell. Adjourned.

Nov 1 Met with Mrs. Wheeler but few present on account of the storm

Adjourned

Dec. 4

Met with Mrs C. Colburn voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Cady

Adjourned

Jan 6.

Met with Mrs C. Cady spent their time sewing on shirts voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. J Taylor Adjourned

March 3.

Met with Mrs. M. Shurtleuff spent their in the shirts Adjourned

April 4.

Met with Mrs. G. Hayes spent their time quilting for Mrs. Hayes Adjourned

Report of the Ladies Benevolent Society
for the year ending May 1. 1858
The Society has been composed of 16 members
the past year who have met 10 times.
The amount of money paid into the
Treasury for the year has been 5,46 18,00
have been drawn from the note
Three families have been assisted to
the amount of 21,06 paid out for
sundries 2,07 thus leaving in the Treasury
(including notes) 39,32

May 1. 1859

May 5, 1858

The annual meeting was holden at Mrs. A Greens The meeting was called to order by Mrs C. Smith and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year

Mrs A Gould President
Mrs H. Bacon Vice President
Mrs G Cady Sec'y & Treasurer
Mrs J Smith } managers
Mrs H. Wheeler }
Mrs A Green }
Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs J. Witherell Adjourned

~~May 5~~

June 3 met with Mrs. J. Witherell ~~spent~~ spent our time sewing on shirts decided to hold their next meeting with Mrs H. Bacon Adjourned

July

Met with Mrs. H. Bacon spent their time on shirts decided to hold their next meeting with Mrs O Smith

Adjourned

~~July~~

Aug. Met with Mrs O Smith spent their time sewing on the shirts agreed to hold the next meeting with Mrs Wheeler Adjourned

Sept.

Met with Mrs Wheeler spent their time making shirts Adjourned

Oct 6

Met with Mrs. O Strode wom. spent their time sewing for Mr. Fells family voted to call an extra to sew for them to be holden at Mrs A. Smiths

Adjourned

Oct 11.

Met with Mrs S. Smith spent their time sewing for the Bell family voted to meet in Nov with Mrs O Potter Adjourned

Nov. 2

Met with Mrs O. Potter carried their own work voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Cady Adjourned

Dec 1.

Met with Mrs Cady spent their time sewing for Mrs. Russel voted to call a meeting on the 7th for the purpose of making arrangements for a Party at Elliot Hall decided to meet with Mrs Wheeler Adjourned

Dec 7.

Met with Mrs Wheeler according to adjournment The Society was called to order by Mrs. O. Smith and the following officers were chosen for the Party Mrs. A Gould President Mrs. Cady Clerk

Mrs Wheeler Mrs Colburn Mrs C. Smith — Mrs Green
Mrs Gould & Mrs Sterns were chosen Committee
Miss Hattie Wheeler & Miss S. Randal were
chosen Soliciting Committee for the tables,
Miss Macreading & Miss Harmstead for committee
on the Tableaux. Voted to invite Mr. A. Gould
to act as President — for the evening of the
Party & Mr A Hall as doorkeeper and also
the following to act as Committee in
making arrangements for the same
Mr G. Gould Mr O. & G. Pettee Mr C. Cady & J. Trowbridge
Voted to have the admission fee 25 cts.
Children 10. Tickets to Supper 25 cts.
Voted to present the Minister & family with
Tickets — Decided to have the Party on the
evening of the fifth day of Jan. Voted to
meet with Mrs C Smith on the 28th Adjourned

Dec 28.

Met with Mrs. C. Smith It was thought
by the report of the Soliciting Committee
that we should have enough given to furnish
the tables except bread & milk

Decided to hire a Tableau frame from West Newton Mr A. Gould & Co his Pettie agreed to get our Bills & Tickets. Decided to have 50 bills & 200 tickets General other matters were decided upon decided to meet the evening of the second day of Jan. with Miss O. Smith — Adjourned

Jan 2.

Met with Mrs. O. Smith and completed the arrangements for the Party. We decided to sell our bedquilts & the shirts at auction Voted to hire the Barber & his wife to assist us in the afternoon & evening of the Party Voted to meet at the Hall on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock Adjourned

The Festival was given Jan 5. the tables were well supplied and the Hall was filled at an early hour with a large company. From 9 o'clock until 10 our time was occupied in disposing our articles to be sold.

Supper was had at 9 o'clock after which the time was occupied with the Tableaux and music from the piano
A meeting was holden the following evening at the house of Mrs. O. Smith to pay the expenses and ascertain what we had made which I find to be 75.40 $50.77 cts were placed in Mr. S Wheelers hands the old note was destroyed and a new one given of 88 dollars The remainder was left in the treasury,
Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs A. Gould Adjourned

Feb 2,

Met with Mrs. A Gould spent their time sewing for Mrs. Russell
Adjourned

March 1,

Met with Mrs D. Smith spent their time sewing for themselves
Adjourned

Report of the Ladies Benevolent Society for the year ending May 1. 1858 The society has been composed of 34 members the past year who have met 18 times The amount of money paid into the treasury for the past year has been $1-12 Paid Committee $9,12 for the benefit of the poor & for sundry articles used in the society I have now in the Treasury (Including note) $1-32

May 1. 1860

May 1.

Met with Mrs. M Colburn for our Annual meeting The meeting was called to order by Mrs Colburn and the following officers were chosen for the comeing year

Mrs. L Wheeler President
Mrs M. Colburn Vice President
Mrs A. Lady Secy & Treasurer
Mrs A Smith)
Mrs A Green) Managers
Mrs Stearns)

June 7.

Met with Mrs. Wheeler spent their time sewing for Mrs. Russell

Adjourned

Aug.

Met with Mrs A Gould spent their time sewing for Mrs. Russel Decided to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Green Adjourned

Sept.

Met with Mrs. Green full company present voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Wattles

Adjourned

Oct

Met with Mrs Wattles Each member carried their own work Decided to meet with Mrs Haws Adjourned

Nov 1.

Met with Mrs Howes The time passed very pleasantly Decided to meet evenings: the remainder of the year voted to meet with Mrs. Ellerns

Adjourned

Dec 2.

Met with Mrs Wheeler Spent their time making patchwork.

Report of the Ladies Benevolent Society for the year ending May 1/60

The Society has been composed of 19. members the past year who have met 9 times. The amount of money paid into the treasury for the year has been 4,75 5,00 have been drawn from the note, paid Committee for Russell family 5,00 and Mr Geiglers family 2,65 making in all 17,65 I have now in the treasury 82,42

May 1/61

May 2.

Met with Mrs A. Green for our annual meeting. The meeting was called to order by our President and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year

Mrs. L. Wheeler President

Mrs. M. Colburn Vice President

Mrs. C. Cady Sec. & Treasurer

Mrs. W. Pentacost)

Mrs. A. Green) managers

Mrs. . Harris)

June 6.

Met with Mrs Stone but few present on account of the Storm Adjourned

~~July 4~~

Aug 1. Met with Mrs. Wheeler Spent their time making patchwork Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Gould Adjourned

Sept 5.

Met with Mrs Gould Spent our time sewing Mrs. A. Hall Decided to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Pentecost Adjourned

Oct 3.

Met with Mrs. Pentecost Spent their time sewing for Mrs Hall Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Cady

Adjourned

Oct 17.

An extra meeting was called to consider the wants of the soldiers in regard to spending a small amount in aid of our soldiers. Voted to meet Oct. 24. in the vestry. Adjourned.

Oct. 24.

Met in the vestry according to adjournment. Spent our time sewing for the soldiers. Voted to meet the next day. Adjourned.

Oct. 25.

Met at the vestry to complete the work commenced. The work that was not finished was taken home by the members and friends of the society. Adjourned.

Nov. 7.

Met with Mrs Cady. The articles prepared for the soldiers were brought and packed in a box ready for sending.

Adjourned

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[illegible] the Public Benevolent Society for the year ending [illegible]

The Society has been very active. It numbers the past year [illegible] members. The amount of money paid into the treasury, for the past year has been 1400. 24,00 have been drawn from the note of [illegible] have been [illegible] amount of 15,00. 15,00 was paid out for the soldiers and 8.00 paid where it was due last year making in all 23,00.

There now in the Treasury including [illegible] 103

June

Met with Mrs. Wheeler for the annual meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Green and the following officers were chosen for the year.

Mrs A Crosby Pres.
Mrs C Fletcher Vice Pres.
Mrs C Cady Sec. & Treasurer
Mrs A Green
Mrs Wm Sturdevant } Managers
Mrs H. Adams
Mrs D. Billings

June

Met with Mrs Colburn spent their time knitting and sewing for the soldiers. Voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs. Bacon Adjourned July

Met with Mrs Green spent the time sewing for the E. Hall

Aug 6

met with Mrs A Goulet a good no. present spent their time sewing for the Soldiers voted to hold the meeting with Mrs Cady

Sept 3.

met with Mrs Cady spent their time sewing for the Soldiers voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs G. Goulet Adjourned

Oct 1

met with Mrs G Goulet spent their time sewing voted to hold the next meeting with Mrs Wheeler Adjourned

Nov 4

met with Mrs Wheeler voted to meet evenings the remainder of the year Adjourned Dec 3. met with Mrs Sherdenant work was provided a small company present Adjourned Jan 1 met with Mrs Green but few present The next meeting was appointed to Mrs Billings Feb 5 March The Society met with Mrs D Billings met Mrs Allen Goulet

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